



## School Newsletter December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers



This morning we joined together for our end of term Christmas Service led by Rev Adam. It was a fantastic service with readers from across the school—with our very youngest being Florence Beattie and Maxwell Meacham from reception. Thank you also to Jayden Wilton and Sian Watt-Jones Y6, Zoe Cowley and Megan Barham in Y5, Lily Wood Y4, Eddie Roberts Y3, Peyton Greenfield Y2 and Alexa Hanson Y1 for reading in church. We enjoyed carol singing and listening to instrumentalists from across the school. Thank you to Luca Carchedi, Hannah Sullivan and Lillia Seeley from Y6 playing the keyboard, Michaela Clark Y4 on the flute and Callum Gladwell Y6 on guitar all a joy to listen to.

Also, a huge thank you to Honey Barnaby and Callum Gladwell, our Head boy and girl for leading the prayers and performing their duties so well.

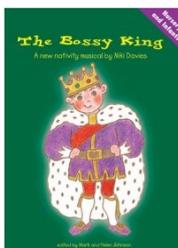


### Festive Competition

The Team Captains had a successful Christmas competition where children were invited to design a Christmas decoration. The winners were Naya Watson (R) Hurricane, Noreen Khawaja (Y3) Lancaster, and Callum Gladwell (Y6) Hurricane. Every entry won a point for their team.

### The Bossy King

Well done to all pupils in Reception and Y1 and 2 for an amazing performance of this year's Nativity 'The Bossy King'. They all did really well learning lines and songs for the production. They also managed to step up when our stable was somewhat depleted in numbers due to a high number of reception children being off poorly! In fact we lost a flock of sheep! A huge thank you to all of the staff for their commitment and hard work to ensure the production ran smoothly.



### Singing in the local community

Reception enjoyed carol singing around school to raise money for the Shoe Box Appeal as well as performing to the Luncheon Club recently.

### Focus on learning priorities

Once again we have had a very productive term and continue to focus on our school priorities, in particular writing. Miss Gibson has displayed published pieces in the reception area. The children are very pleased with themselves and proud to share their work—working hard to achieve their next steps.

### Staffing Update

We are delighted to have appointed Miss Bell to join our Key Stage 1 team. Miss Bell who already teaches in reception will be working in Y1 after Christmas with Mrs Carter. Prior to taking time off to have her children Miss Bell was a full time teacher here.

### Thank you to all the staff

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, governors, volunteer helpers and members of the community including our Bishop's Visitor for giving of their time to support the school. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to contribute to school life. In particular we would love to hear from anyone who is able to read with individual children.

### Y5 Meeting about the Y6 Residential

Parents from Y5 joined Mr Parkin and Mrs Gresham in preparation for their Y6 residential visit to North Norfolk. Thank you to those parents who attended. We hope this helps you in your planning and once again look forward to talking all of Y6 on this visit which focuses on the geography curriculum.

### Maths workshop and open classrooms

Thank you very much for the positive feedback from the Open Morning on November 23rd. Everyone who attended found it valuable to learn the methods we teach to enable them to support their children. Watch this space for more information on Maths in the New Year.

## Young Voices 2018!

Mr Parkin, Mrs Atkinson and the Young Voices choir have been very busy learning all of the songs for January's Young Voices Concert. We are delighted to be able to offer the children the opportunity to take part in this amazing experience. We will be going to Sheffield Arena on 16th January 2018!



## After School Clubs in Term 3

Mrs Williamson is hosting a Board Games Club for year 3 and 4 children next term, This follows on from the success of the club in KS1 this term. Once the nights get lighter again she will be restarting the Netball Club,

Mrs Thompson will be running a Writing Club for Y2 pupils to help them to develop their story writing skills. We are also hoping to restart the popular Cross Country Club in January and more details will come home regarding this shortly.



## Golden Ticket Day , 15th December

Last week's activities were enjoyed by everyone and included Christmas crafts, flower arranging, swimming, dodgeball and movies amongst other things. A big thank you to Mrs Tipping for all her hard work in arranging such a fun filled morning for everyone. Thanks also to all the volunteers who supported the mornings activities, we couldn't do it without you!



## Parking

You will have recently received a letter from the Local Policing Team regarding parking. Please can you ensure you park considerately, local residents have informed us that they are sometimes finding it hard to enter and exit their driveways . Thank you for your co-operation.

## Water Bottles

Please can you ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school everyday, even during the winter months. We have a supply of new bottles available for purchase from the school office for £1. Thank you!



## Christingle Service, 12th December

Children in Key Stage 2, were joined by their families, for the Christingle Service in Church. It is always a very special service which reminds the children of what Christmas is about. Thank you for your support for the National Children's Society through donations in Christingle Candles. Once we have received all the collection candles we will let you know how much has been donated. **Please can you return outstanding candles on the first day back in January. Thank you.**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 3rd January 2018!

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year!

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